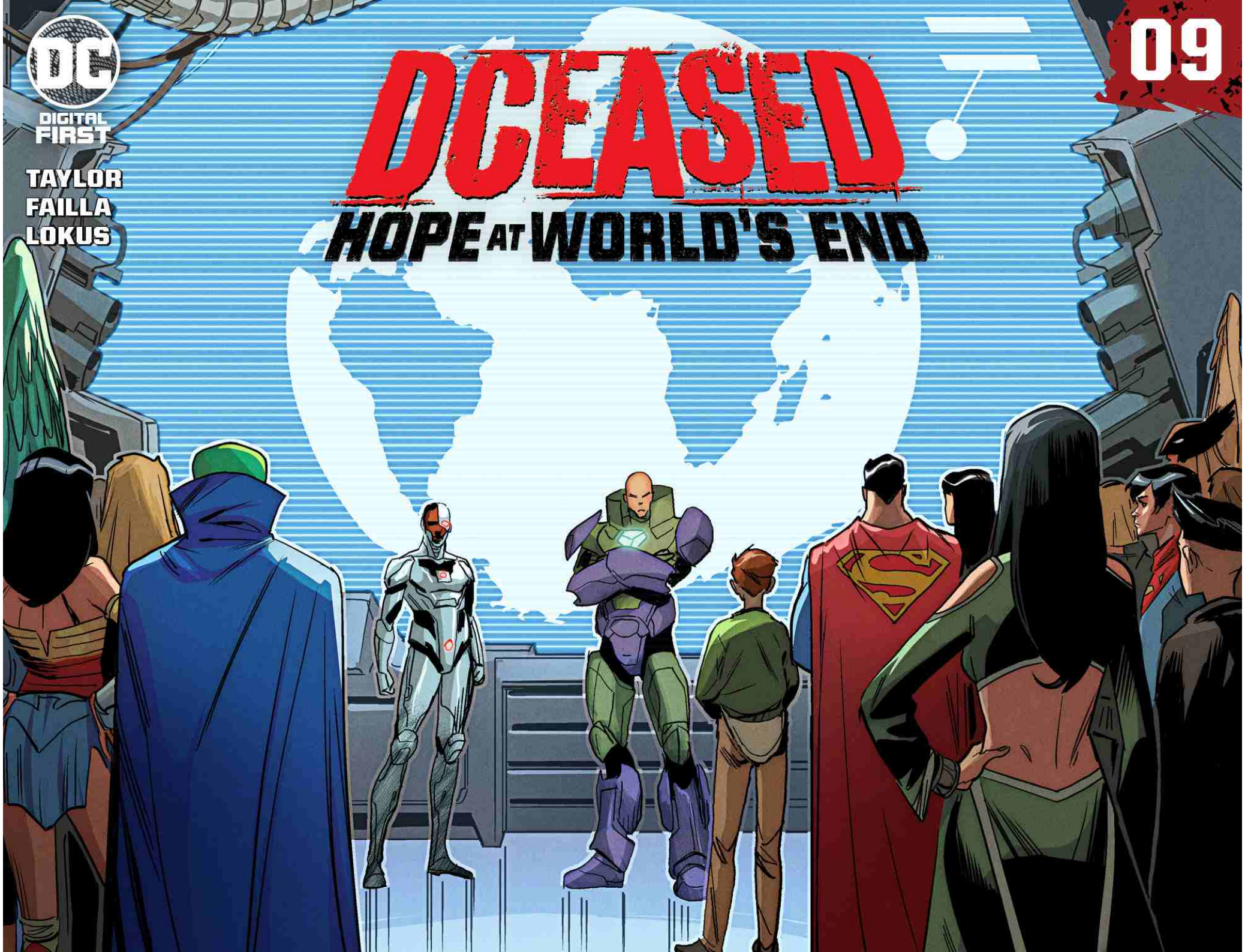
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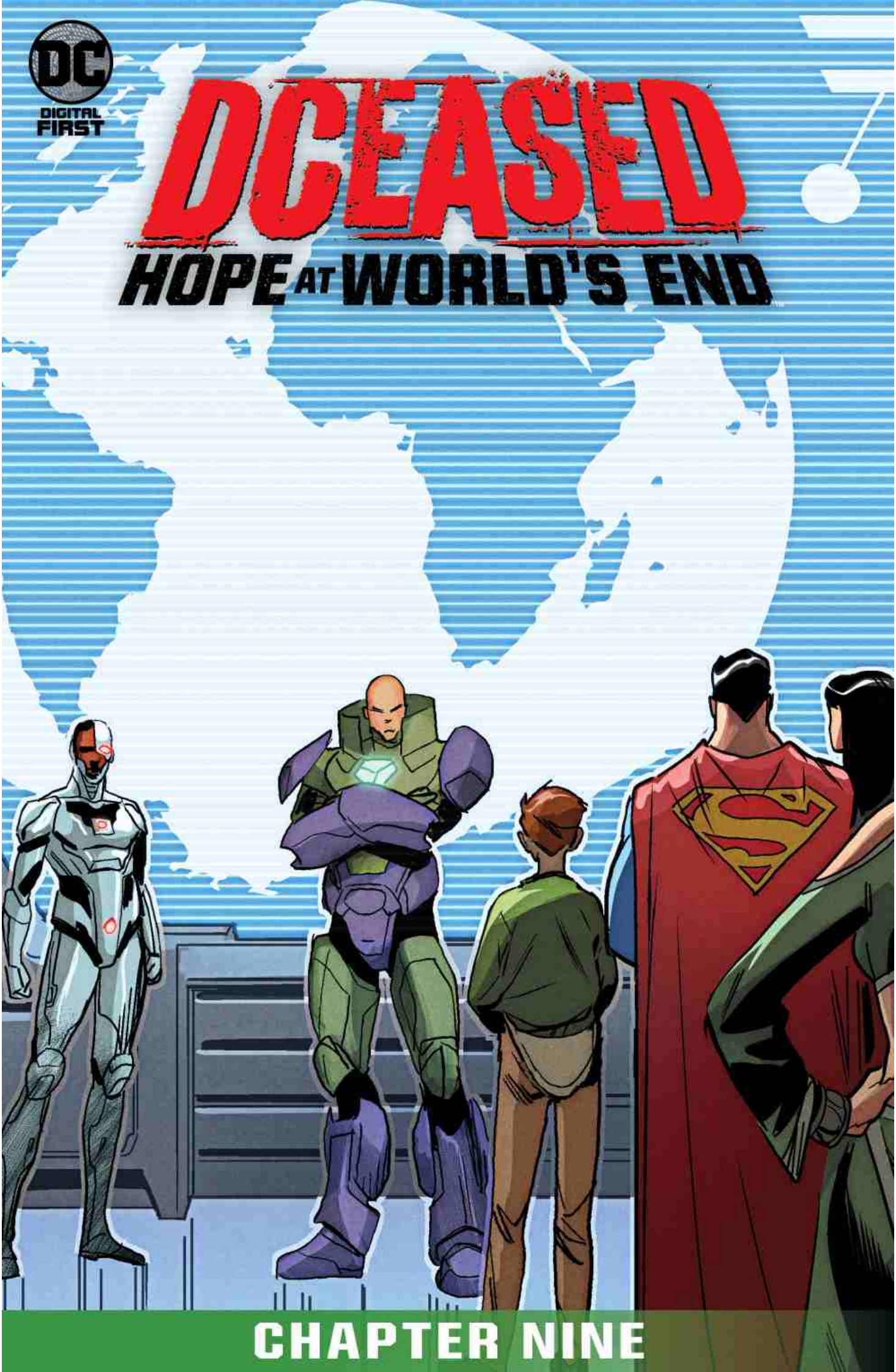
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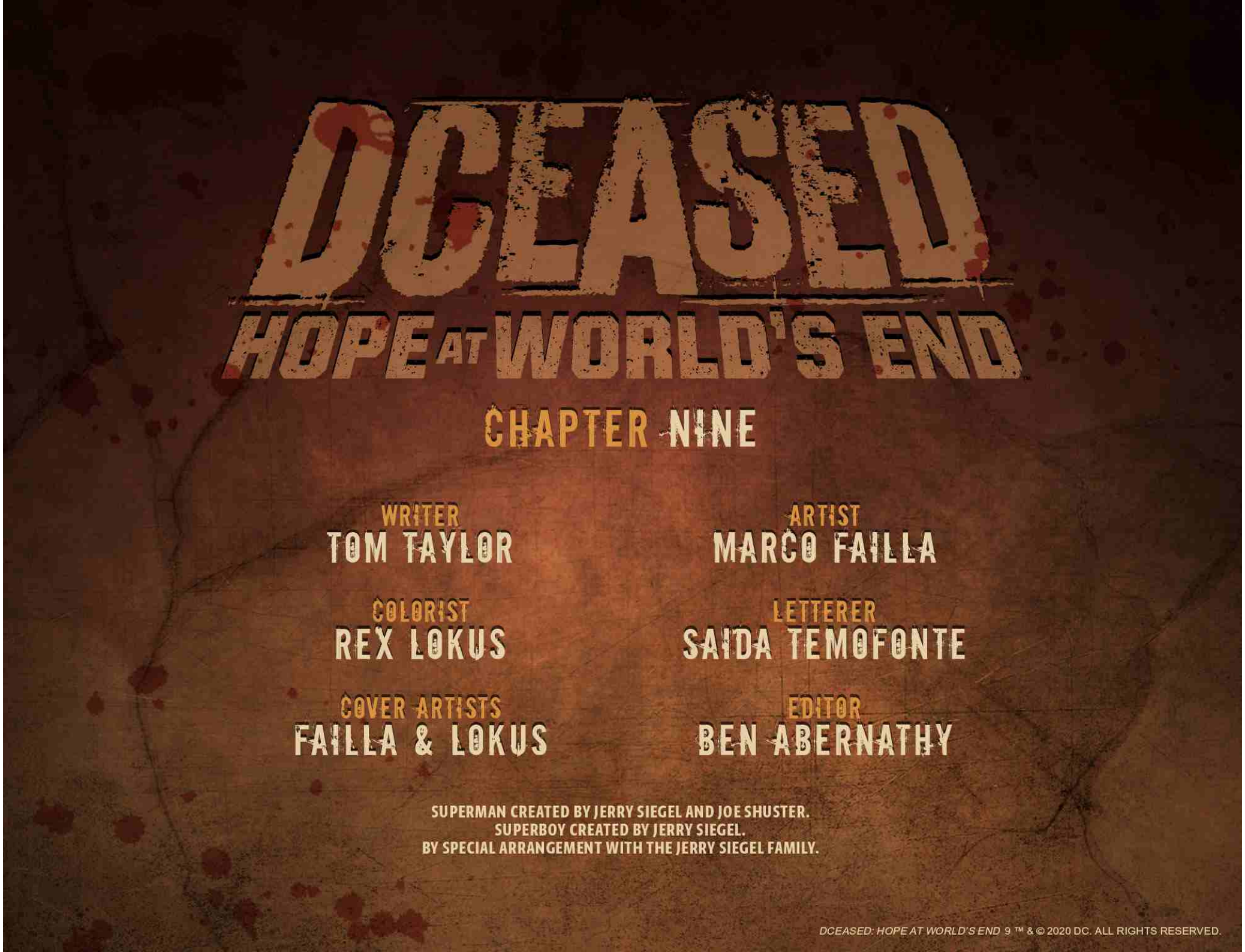

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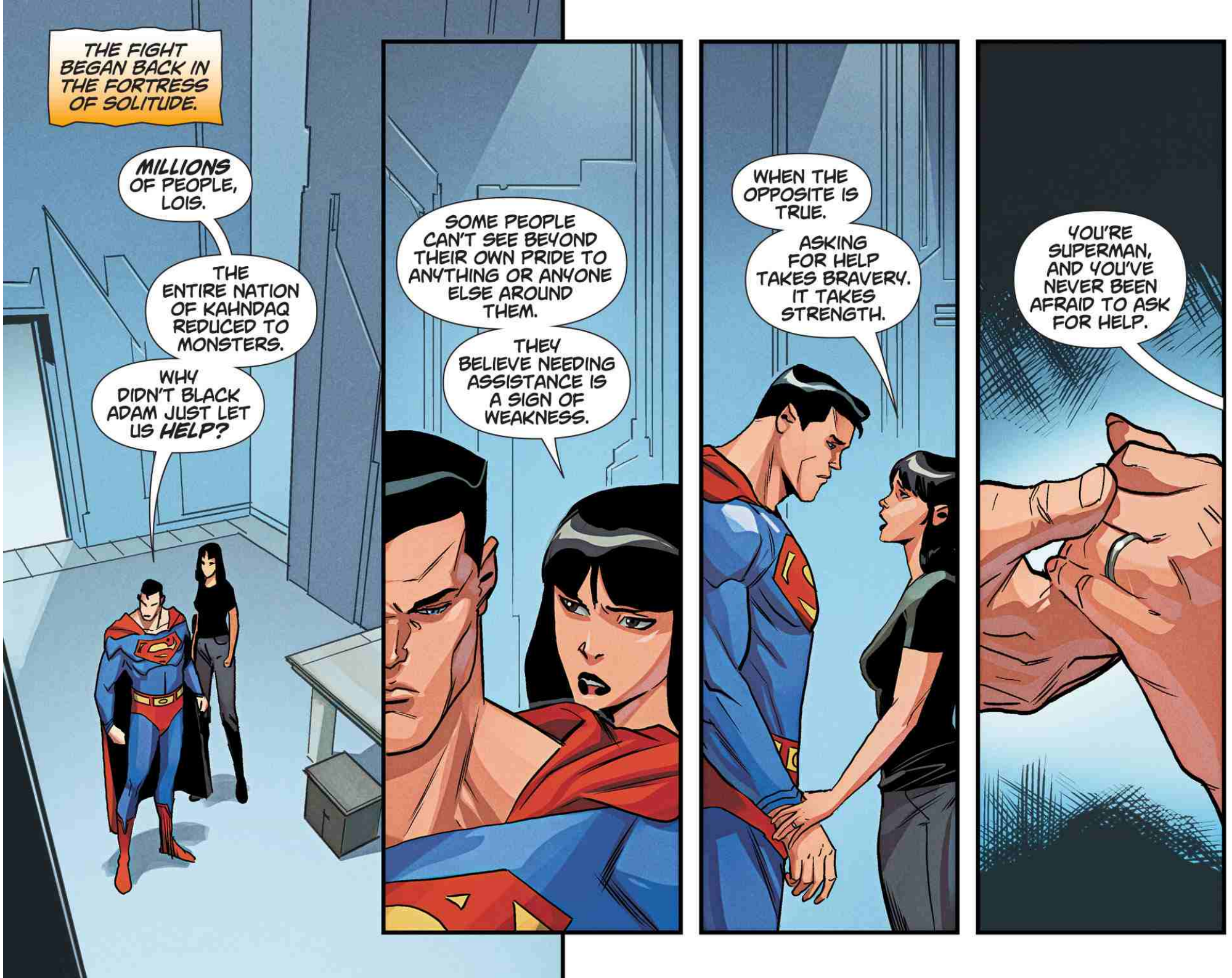
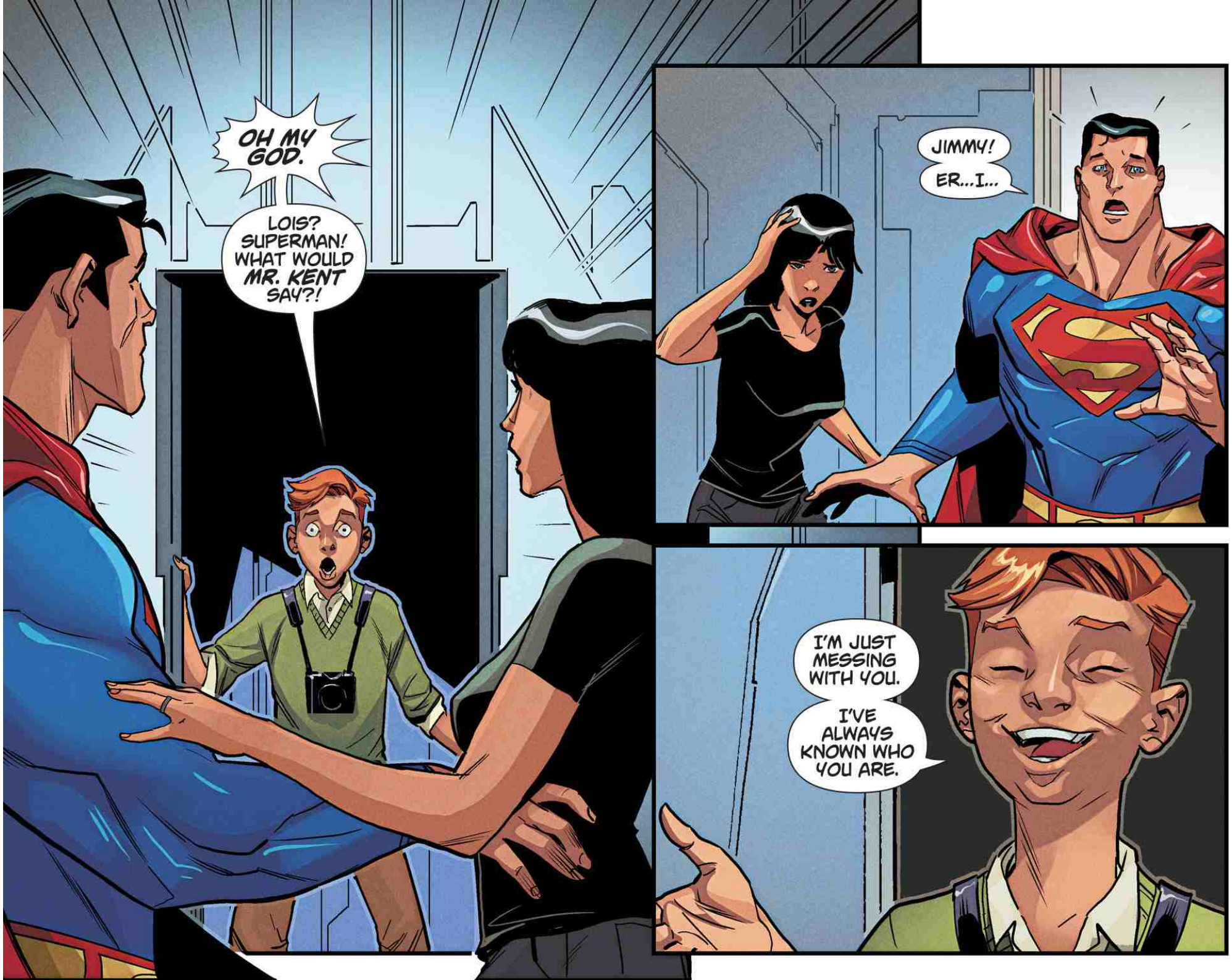
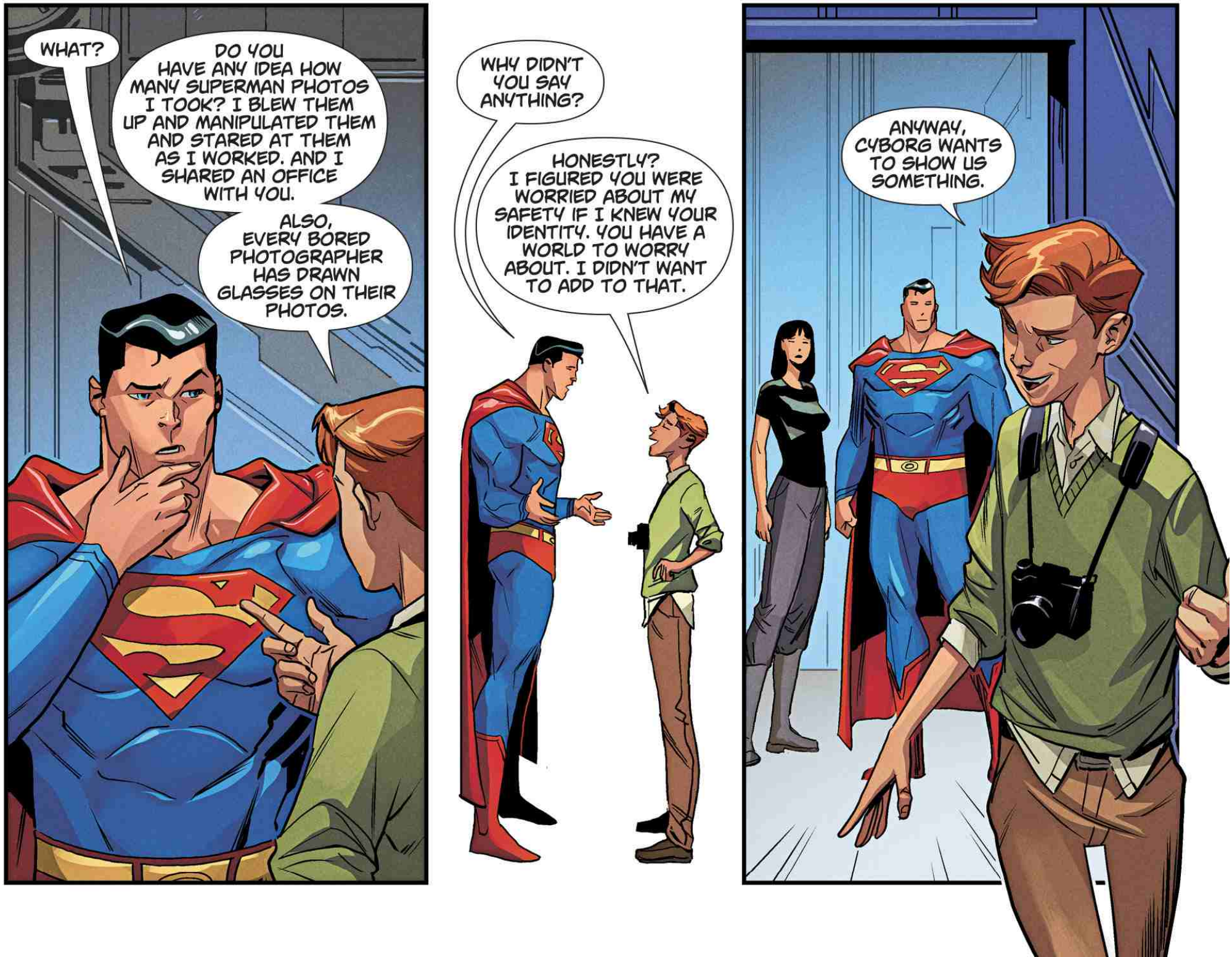
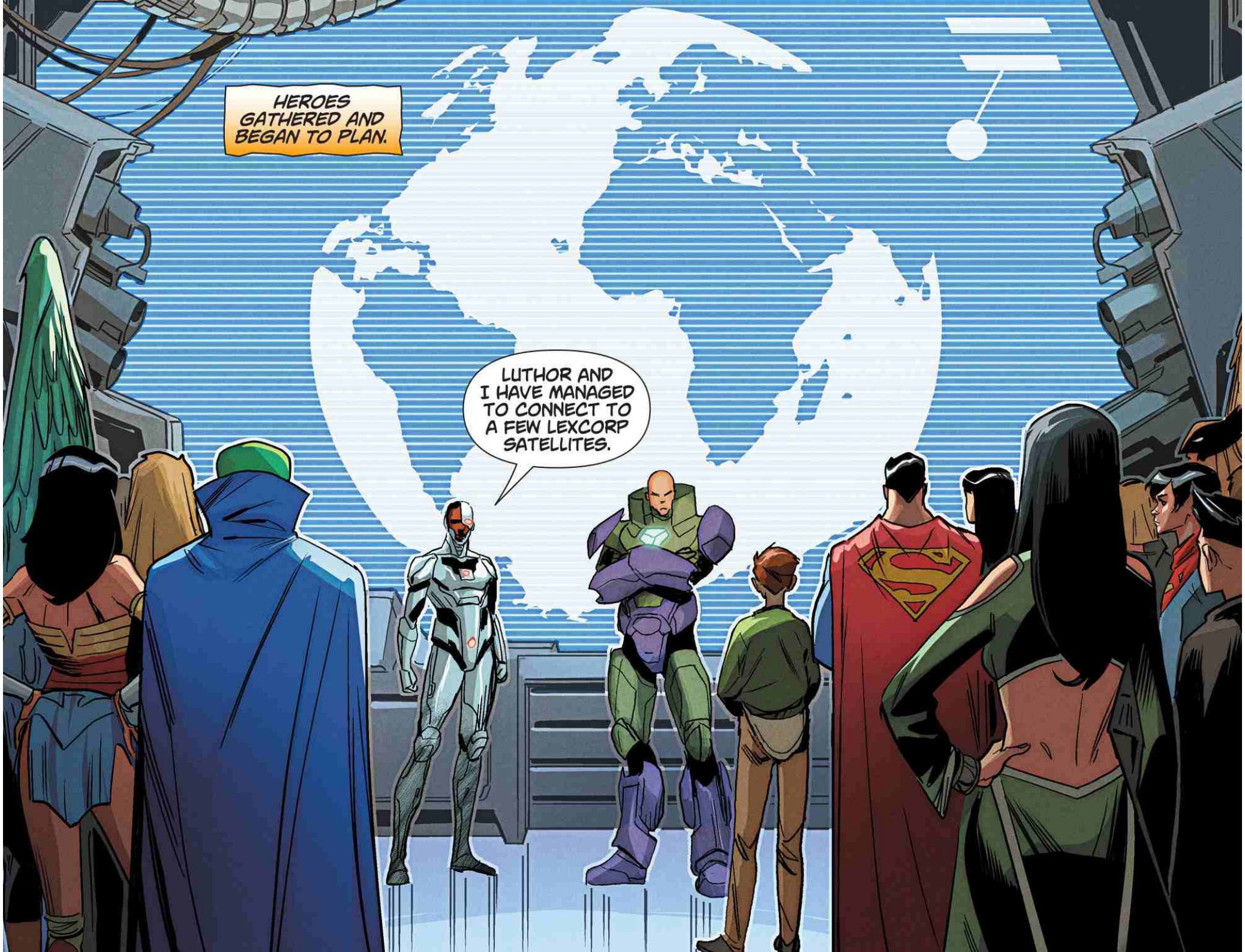

THE FIGHT BEGAN BACK IN THE FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE.
MILLIONS OF PEOPLE, LOIS.
THE ENTIRE NATION OF KAHNDAQ REDUCED TO MONSTERS.
WHY DIDN'T BLACK ADAM JUST LET US HELP?
SOME PEOPLE CAN'T SEE BEYOND THEIR OWN PRIDE TO ANYTHING OR ANYONE ELSE AROUND THEM.
THEY BELIEVE NEEDING ASSISTANCE IS A SIGN OF WEAKNESS.
WHEN THE OPPOSITE IS TRUE.
ASKING FOR HELP TAKES BRAVERY. IT TAKES STRENGTH.
YOU'RE SUPERMAN, AND YOU'VE NEVER BEEN AFRAID TO ASK FOR HELP.

ADMITTEDLY, NOT EVERYONE IS LUCKY ENOUGH TO BE MARRIED TO THIS QUALITY OF HELP.
IT'S OKAY. I'M HERE IF YOU NEED ME, CLARK.

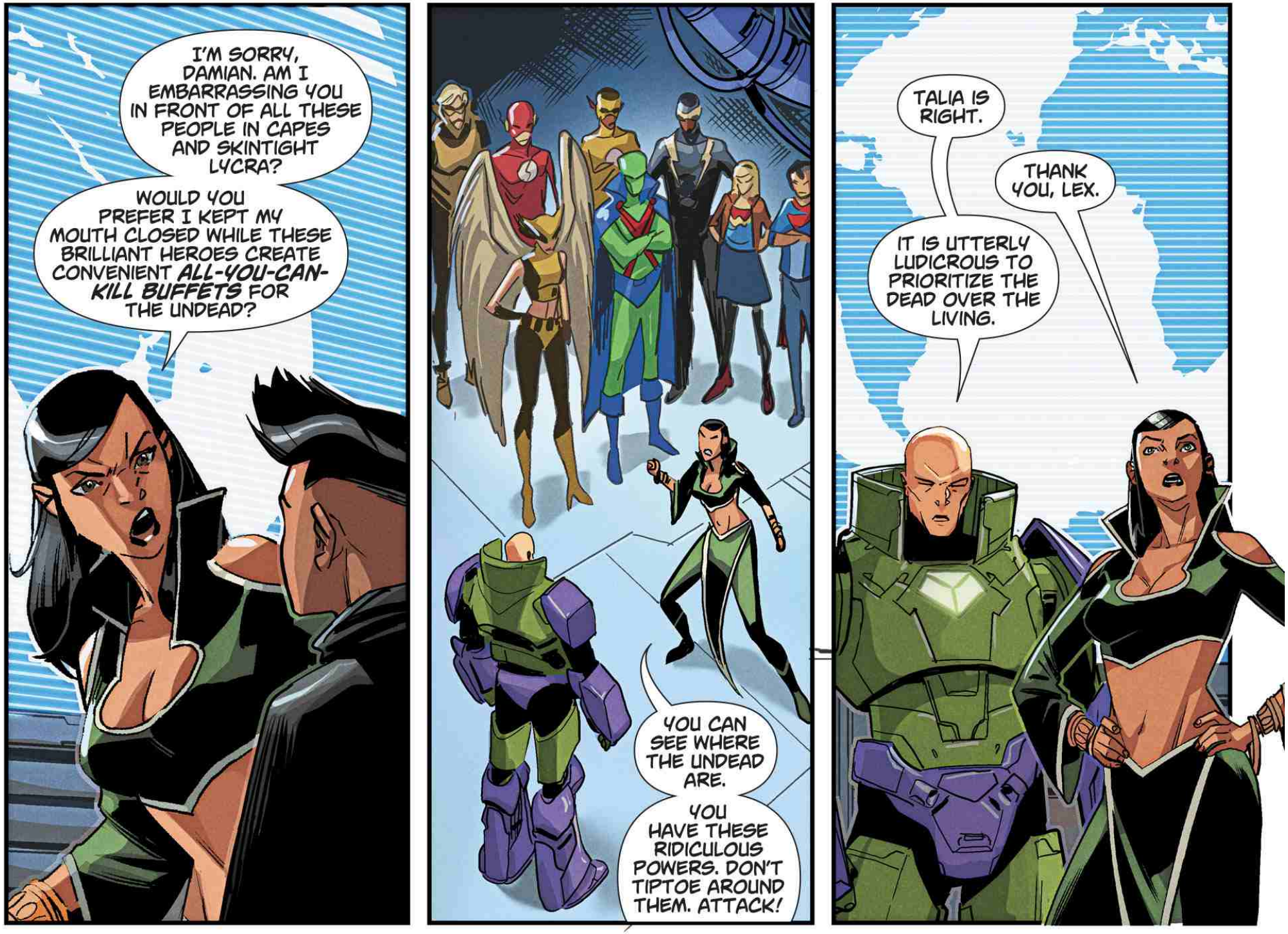

OH MY GOD.
LOIS? SUPERMAN! WHAT WOULD MR. KENT SAY?!
JIMMY!
ER...I...
I'M JUST MESSING WITH YOU.
I'VE ALWAYS KNOWN WHO YOU ARE.


WHAT?
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MANY SUPERMAN PHOTOS I TOOK? I BLEW THEM UP AND MANIPULATED THEM AND STARED AT THEM AS I WORKED. AND I SHARED AN OFFICE WITH YOU.
ALSO, EVERY BORED PHOTOGRAPHER HAS DRAWN GLASSES ON THEIR PHOTOS.
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY ANYTHING?
HONESTLY? I FIGURED YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT MY SAFETY IF I KNEW YOUR IDENTITY. YOU HAVE A WORLD TO WORRY ABOUT. I DIDN'T WANT TO ADD TO THAT.
ANYWAY, CYBORG WANTS TO SHOW US SOMETHING.

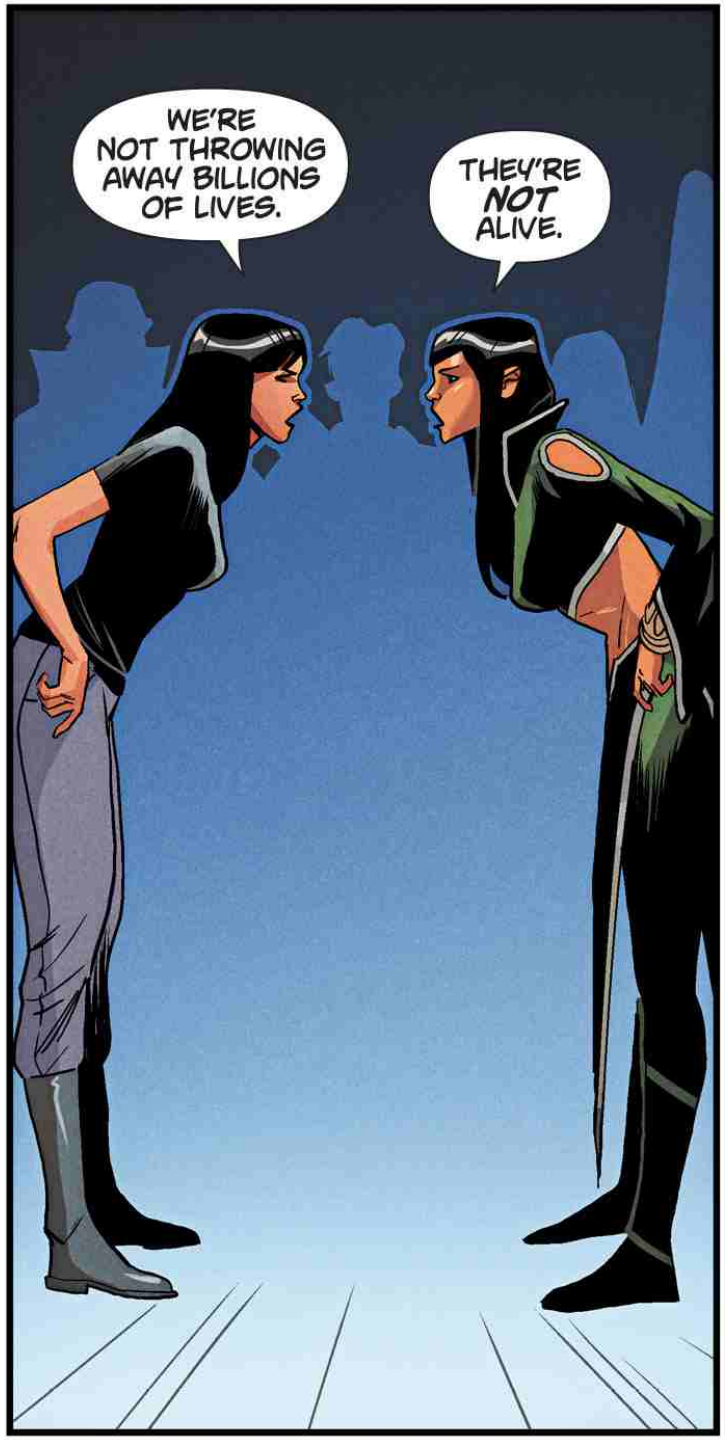

HEROES GATHERED AND BEGAN TO PLAN.
LUTHOR AND I HAVE MANAGED TO CONNECT TO A FEW LEXCORP SATELLITES.

IS THAT WISE? WHAT IF THE ANTI-LIFE EQUATION INFECTS THEM?
YEAH. THEY'RE LUTHOR SATELLITES. THEY PROBABLY SHOOT LASERS OR SOMETHING.
THESE ARE SOME OF MY OLDER SATELLITES. THEY'RE RUNNING ON A CLOSED NETWORK. AND THESE ONES DON'T SHOOT LASERS.
THESE ONES?
WE'VE STARTED IDENTIFYING LARGE CONCENTRATIONS OF ANTI-LIVING.
WE BELIEVE THEY'RE DRAWN TO LIFE.
SO, EVERY CLUSTER COULD MEAN SURVIVORS AT THE HEART OF IT.
WE CAN START A GLOBAL RESCUE OPERATION.

THEMYSCIRA HAS AGREED TO TAKE SURVIVORS.
AND POISON IVY WILL OPEN UP THE GOTHAM GARDEN TO REFUGEES...WITH SOME PRETTY EXTREME PROVISOS.
THEN WE START MOVING PEOPLE TODAY. NOW. WE WILL NEED TO BE CAREFUL, BUT STRIKE TEAMS WILL BE ASSEMBLED TO--
WHAT?!
YOU WANT TO TAKE WHAT'S LEFT OF THE HUMAN RACE AND PUT THEM IN TWO LOCATIONS?
MOM. PLEASE DON'T.

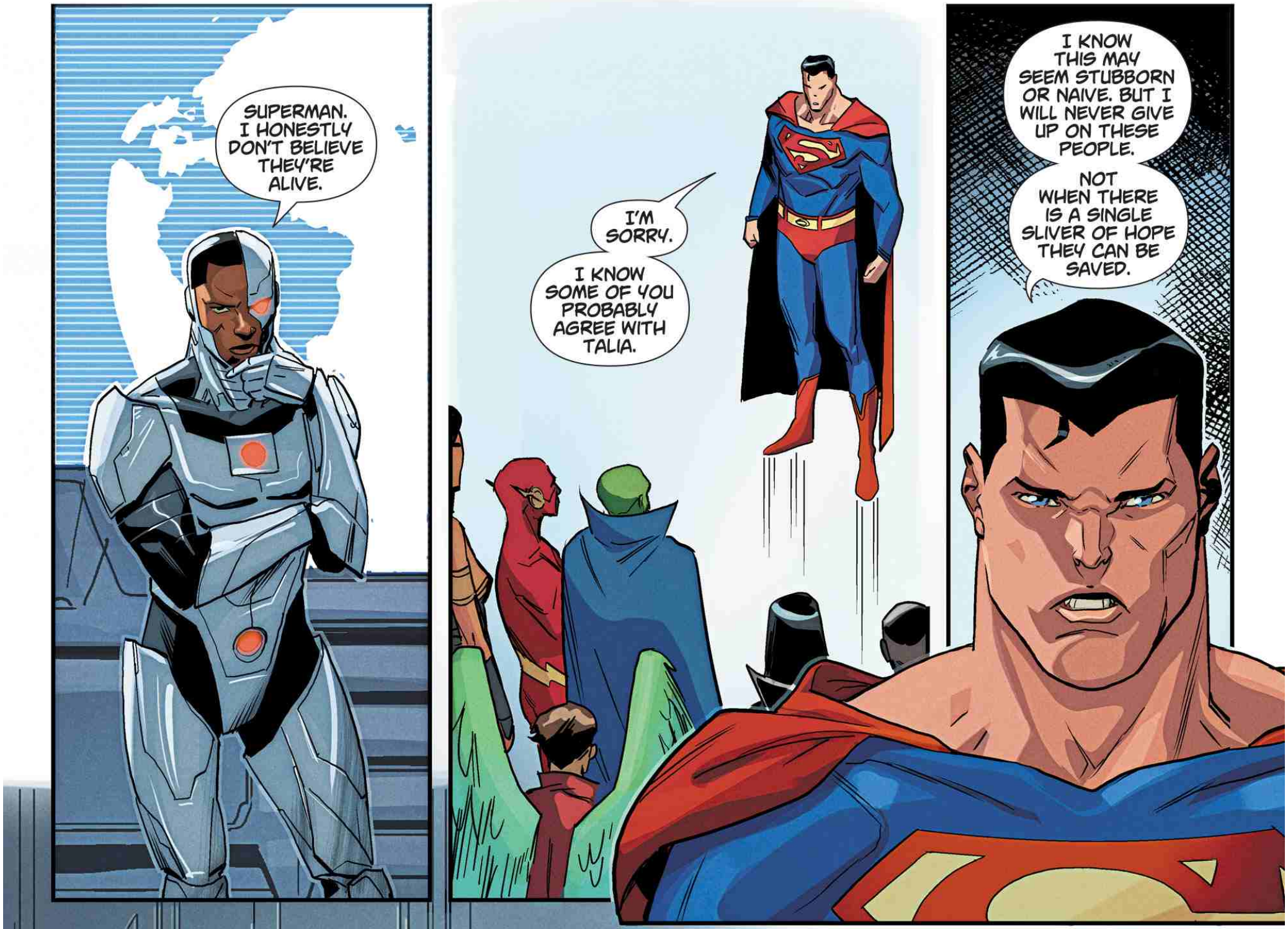

I'M SORRY, DAMIAN. AM I EMBARRASSING YOU IN FRONT OF ALL THESE PEOPLE IN CAPES AND SKINTIGHT LYCRA?
WOULD YOU PREFER I KEPT MY MOUTH CLOSED WHILE THESE BRILLIANT HEROES CREATE CONVENIENT ALL-YOU-CAN-KILL BUFFETS FOR THE UNDEAD?
YOU CAN SEE WHERE THE UNDEAD ARE.
YOU HAVE THESE RIDICULOUS POWERS. DON'T TIPTOE AROUND THEM. ATTACK!
TALIA IS RIGHT.
THANK YOU, LEX.
IT IS UTTERLY LUDICROUS TO PRIORITIZE THE DEAD OVER THE LIVING.

YOU CAN DISINTEGRATE THESE MONSTERS JUST BY LOOKING AT THEM.
PUT YOUR DAMN MORAL CODE ASIDE, FLY OUT THERE, AND WIPE THEM OUT FROM THE @#$%#@ SKY!
BACK OFF.
OUR MOMS ARE FIGHTING.
IT WAS ALWAYS GOING TO HAPPEN.
THANK YOU FOR BRINGING ME HERE.

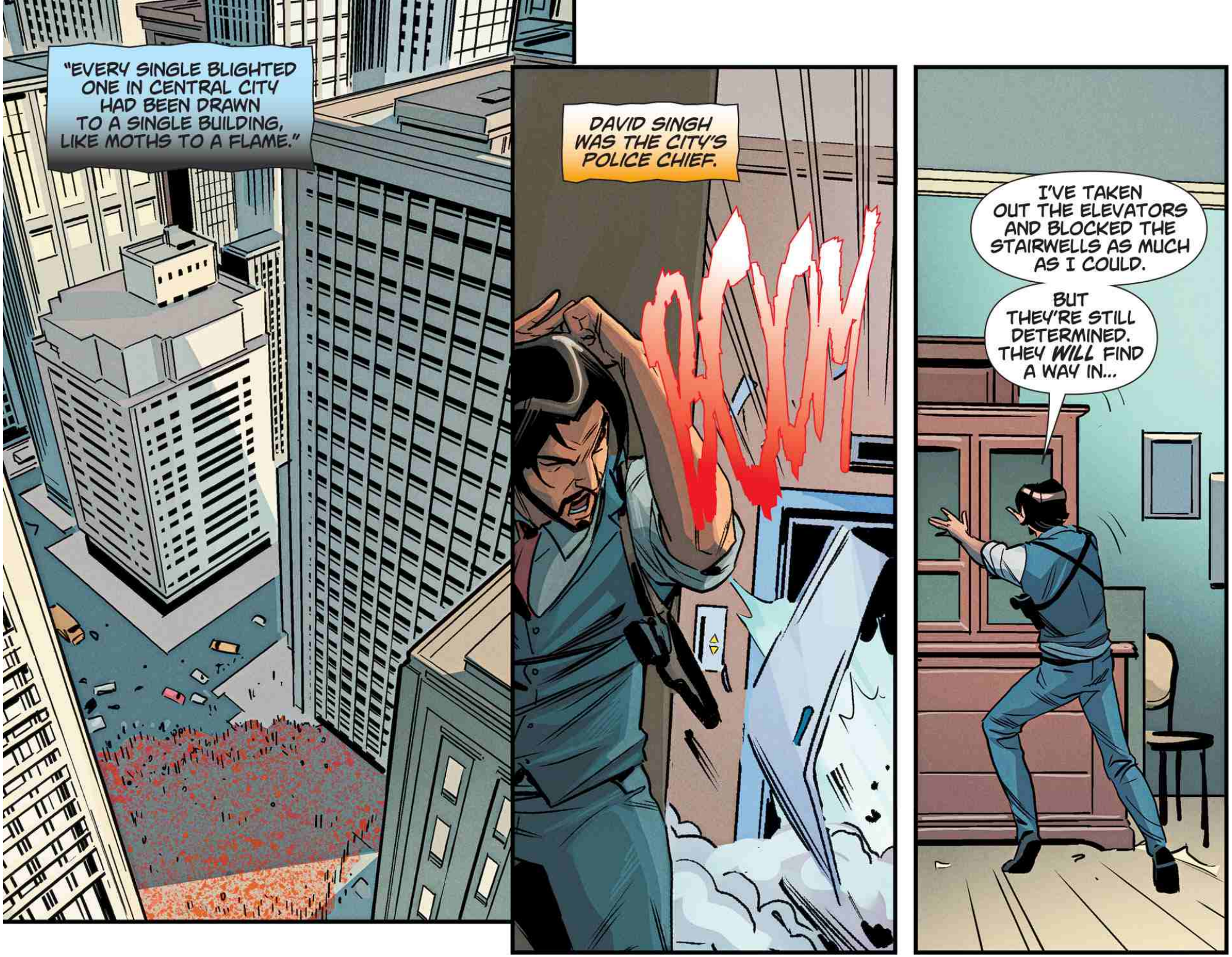

WE'RE NOT THROWING AWAY BILLIONS OF LIVES.
THEY'RE NOT ALIVE.

WONDER WOMAN. YOU'RE A WARRIOR. TALK SOME SENSE INTO SUPERMAN.
THIS IS WAR.

I'VE FOUGHT IN WARS BESIDE SUPERMAN. HE'S NEVER TAKEN A LIFE.
AND WE'VE WON EVERY BATTLE WE'VE FOUGHT TOGETHER.

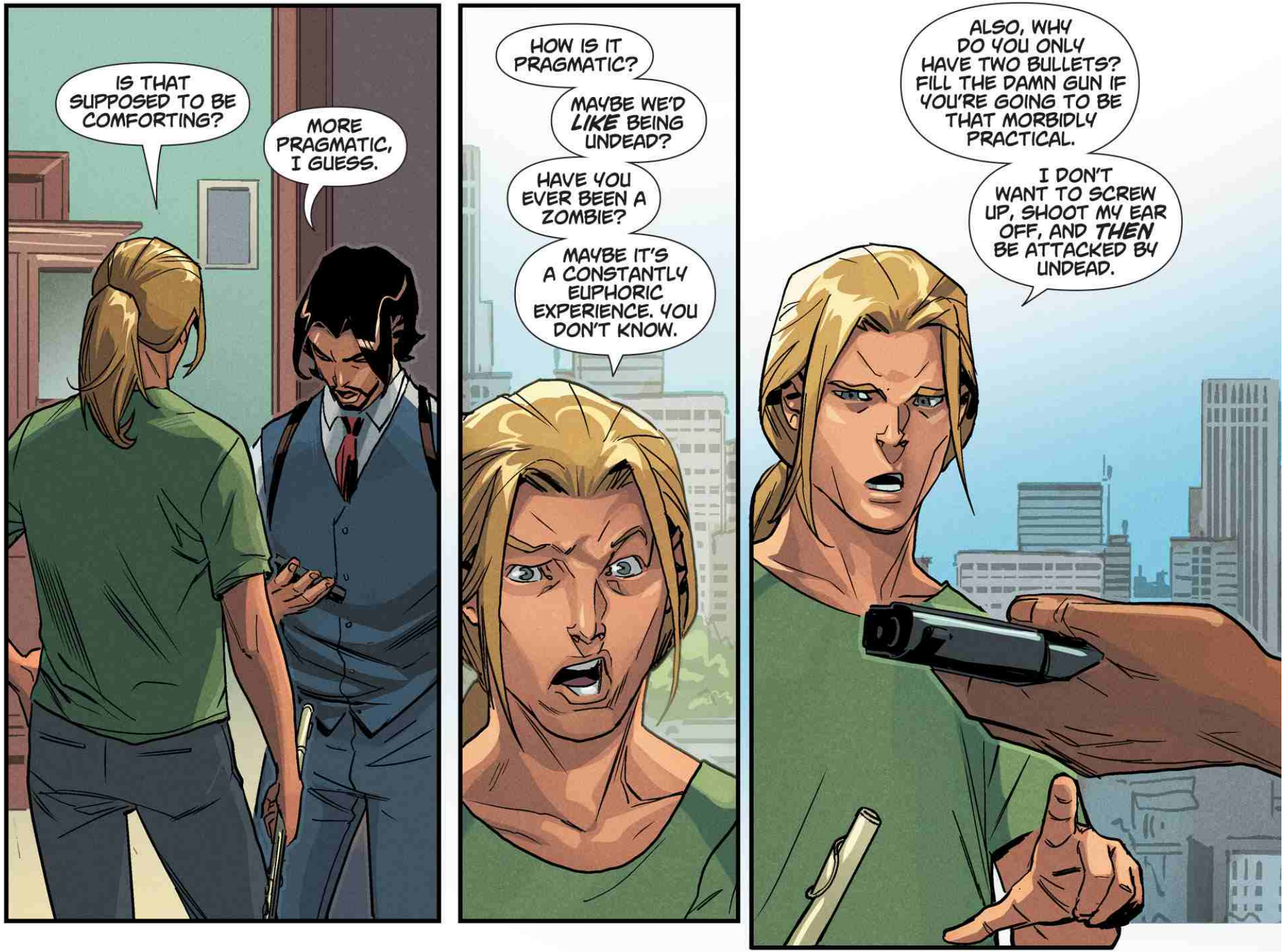

SUPERMAN. I HONESTLY DON'T BELIEVE THEY'RE ALIVE.
I'M SORRY.
I KNOW SOME OF YOU PROBABLY AGREE WITH TALIA.
I KNOW THIS MAY SEEM STUBBORN OR NAIVE. BUT I WILL NEVER GIVE UP ON THESE PEOPLE.
NOT WHEN THERE IS A SINGLE SLIVER OF HOPE THEY CAN BE SAVED.

WE'RE BETTER THAN THAT. WE HAVE TO BE.
MY GOD. YOU'RE JUST AS BAD AS BATMAN WAS.
THANK YOU.
WE SHOULD FIRST SEND A TEAM TO CENTRAL CITY.
WHY?
BECAUSE SOMETHING STRANGE IS HAPPENING THERE.


"EVERY SINGLE BLIGHTED ONE IN CENTRAL CITY HAD BEEN DRAWN TO A SINGLE BUILDING, LIKE MOTHS TO A FLAME."
DAVID SINGH WAS THE CITY'S POLICE CHIEF.
BOOM
I'VE TAKEN OUT THE ELEVATORS AND BLOCKED THE STAIRWELLS AS MUCH AS I COULD.
BUT THEY'RE STILL DETERMINED. THEY WILL FIND A WAY IN...

...UNLESS YOU CAN STOP THEM, HARTLEY.
THE PIED PIPER. A MASTER MUSICIAN ABLE TO HYPNOTIZE ANYONE WITH HIS SONIC FLUTE...

I CAN'T CONTROL THEM.
ALL I SEEM TO BE ABLE TO DO IS ATTRACT THEM.
WELL, THAT'S THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF WHAT WE WANT.
HAVE YOU TRIED TURNING YOUR FLUTE UPSIDE DOWN?
DAVID... I CAN'T SAVE YOU.
I KNOW. IT'S OKAY.
I HAVE TWO BULLETS FOR US.


IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE COMFORTING?
MORE PRAGMATIC, I GUESS.
HOW IS IT PRAGMATIC?
MAYBE WE'D *LIKE* BEING UNDEAD?
HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A ZOMBIE?
MAYBE IT'S A CONSTANTLY EUPHORIC EXPERIENCE. YOU DON'T KNOW.
ALSO, WHY DO YOU ONLY HAVE TWO BULLETS? FILL THE DAMN GUN IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE THAT MORBIDLY PRACTICAL.
I DON'T WANT TO SCREW UP, SHOOT MY EAR OFF, AND *THEN* BE ATTACKED BY UNDEAD.

THD
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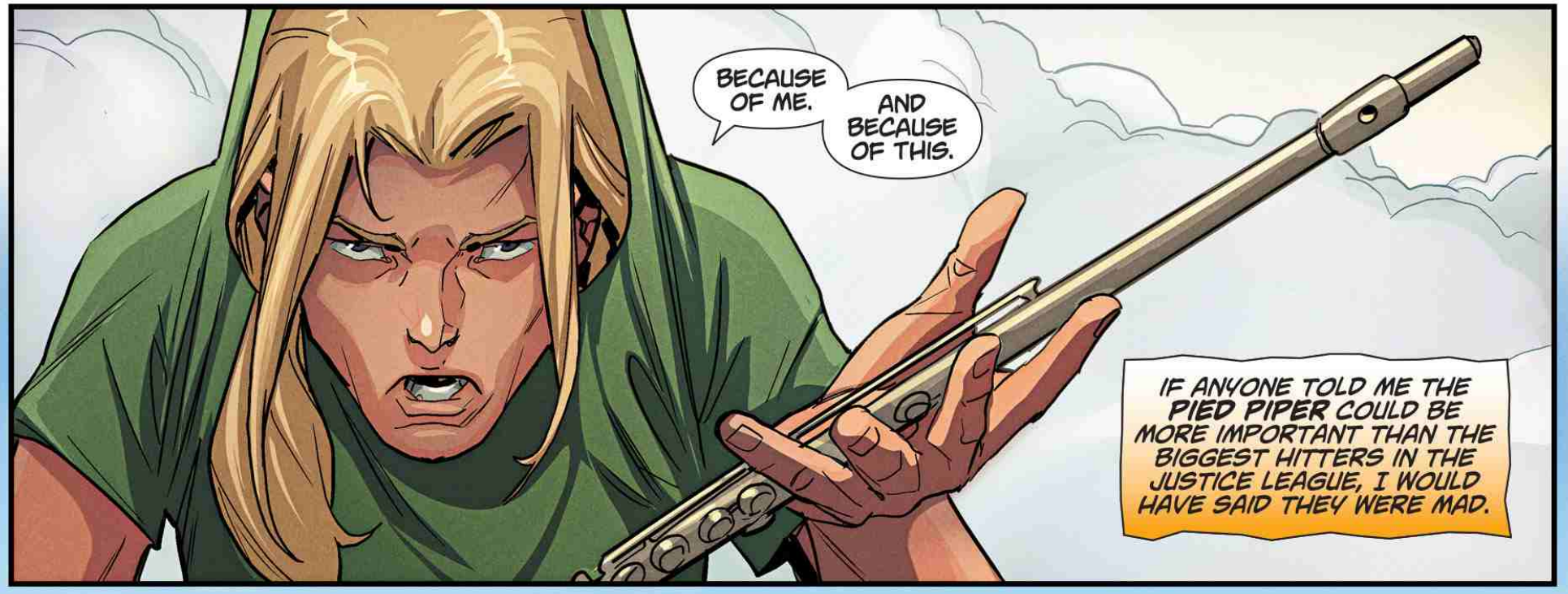
THD
HRRR.
THEY'RE COMING.
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?
THD
THD
I WANT TO FIGHT BESIDE YOU.
HARTLEY RATHAWAY.
DAVID SINGH.
WHAT THE--?

LOOK OUT!
BANG BANG

IT WILL BE ALL RIGHT. YOU'RE SAFE NOW.
MARTIAN MANHUNTER?
SORRY ABOUT SHOOTING YOU. I THOUGHT YOU WERE A GHOST.
YOU BELIEVE IN GHOSTS?
WELL, NO. BUT I DIDN'T BELIEVE IN ZOMBIES A FEW DAYS AGO EITHER. I'M NOT CLOSING MYSELF OFF TO ANYTHING.
WHY ARE THEY ALL HERE?
WHY THIS BUILDING?


BECAUSE OF ME.
AND BECAUSE OF THIS.
IF ANYONE TOLD ME THE **PIED PIPER** COULD BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE BIGGEST HITTERS IN THE JUSTICE LEAGUE, I WOULD HAVE SAID THEY WERE MAD.

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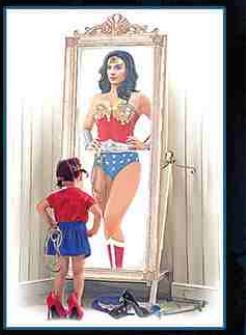
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